Admission of students of National Open School

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Open School (NOS) students are not allowed to shift to regular schools, despite their excellent performance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that students having cleared 10+2 from t he NOS are not allowed regular admission in colleges also; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to amend the rules so as to allow regular admission to NOS students to colleges?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Secondary Course Examination Certificate issued by the National Open School is equivalent to Matriculation/Class X Examination conducted by the recognized Boards of school education in India. Similarly, the Senior Secondary Certificate awarded by the National Open School is recognized by the Association of Indian Universities and individually by several Universities from all over the country for the purpose of admission to the colleges. As per the UGC Regulations regarding minimum Standards of Instruction for the grant of First Degree through formal education, there is no bar on admission of such students in colleges as have passed Senior Secondary Certificate Course from the National Open School. However, NOS have received some representations regarding denial of admission to NOS pass outs in some Universities and they have taken up the issue with the UGC. There is no need for changing the NOS Rules for this purpose.